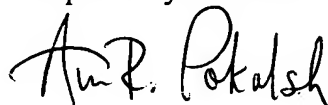


REMARKS

This application is a section 371 application of PCT/EP2004/053683. The specification has been amended to reflect the same. In addition, the claims have been amended to conform to U.S. patent practice. In particular, multiple dependent claims depending from other multiple dependent claims have been eliminated.

Early and favourable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted



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